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1. FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR EXTENSION OF CYPRUS PORTS OF LARNACA AND LIMASSOL HAS BEEN APPROVED BY GOC. STUDY RECOMMENDS THREE PHASE CONSTRUCTION AND FORESEES FIVE YEAR CONSTRUCTION PERIOD. IBRD, PRESENTLY REVIEWING FEASIBILITY STUDY, IS EXPECTED TO MAKE WITHIN TWO WEEKS OWN RECOMMENDATION WHETHER TO HAVE FINAL DESIGN (DETAIL ENGINEERING) WORK DONE IN STAGES OR IN ONE PACKAGE. FIRST PHASE: 730 METERS DOCK EXTENSION AT LARNACA. SECOND PHASE: 300 METERS BREAKWATER AT LIMASSOL. THIRD PHASE: 590 METERS DOCK EXTENSION AND CONTAINER TERMINAL AT LIMASSOL.

2. WE ARE INFORMED GOC WILL INVITE TWELVE ENGINEERING FIRMS TO BID ON FINAL DESIGN INCLUDING US FIRM OF LOUIS BERGER INC. WHICH PREPARED THE FEASIBILITY STUDY. BERGER INC., WHICH MAINTAINS DESIGN OFFICE IN NICOSIA, BELIEVES IT HAS 70 PERCENT CHANCE TO WIN FINAL DESIGN CONTRACT.

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3. DEPENDING ON WHETHER FINAL DESIGN IS TO BE DONE IN STAGES OR ALL THREE PHASES TOGETHER, ENGINEERING WILL TAKE FROM EIGHT TO ELEVEN MONTHS. CONSTRUCTION COULD BEGIN FIRST HALF OF 1978.

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